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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SENEGAL PRESIDENT SENGHOR TO INDIA

BEGIN SUMMARY: THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT OF SENEGAL
LEOPOLD SEDAR SENGHOR TO INDIA FROM MAY 18 TO 26, 1974,
RESULTED IN ROUTINE POLITICAL TALKS WITH INDIAN PRIME
MINISTER INDIRA GANGHI, TRADE AND CULTURAL AGREEMENTS,
AND MEASURED PRAISE BY SENEGAL OF INDIA'S PLANS TO
FOLLOW ITS TEST OF A NUCLEAR DEVICE WITH FURTHER PEACE-
FUL USES. END SUMMARU.

1. PRESIDENT SENGHOR ARRIVED IN INDIA AFTER VISITING
CHINA AND NORTH KOREA, WHICH LED TO PRESS SPECULATION
THAT SENGHOR MIGHT MEDIATE TO HELP INDIA-CHINA
RELATIONS. HOWEVER, THIS WAS DENIED AND BIALTERAL TALKS
WERE STATED TO BE THE WAY TO ACHIEVE BETTER RELATIONS
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BETWEEN THE TWO MOST POPULOUS NATIONS. PRIME MINISTER

GNADHI AND PRESIDENT SENGHOR VOICED THE USUAL COMMENTS ON AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY, AFRICAN UNITY, SUPPORT FOR THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN COLONIAL AFRICA (WITH SPECIAL NOTE OF GUINEA - BUSSAU), THE LIBERATION OF ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL, AND SUPPORT FOR THE INDIA OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE. SENGHOR WELCOMED THE RECENT TRIPARTITE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN INDIA, BANGLADESH, AND PAKISTAN AND PAID TRIBUTE TO INDIA'S NON-ALLIGNED FOREIGN POLICY.

2. A CULTURAL AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED WHICH PROMOTES RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN LITERATURE, ARTS, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, EDUCATION, RADIO, TV, PRESS, AND TOURISM. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS WILL BE EXCHANGED AS WILL THEATRICAL PERFORMANCES, EXHIBITIONS AND YOUTH VISITS IN THE SPHERE OF EDUCATION AND SPORTS. A JOINT COMMISSION WAS TO BE ESTABLISHED TO ARRANGE CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS.

3. INDIA AND SENEGAL SIGNED A FIVE YEAR AGREEMENT FOR TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AND A SEPARATE ONE YEAR TRADE AGREEMENT. UNDER THE LATTER, INDIA WILL EXPORT TO SENEGAL TEXTILES, CHEMICAL PRODUCTS, ENGINEERING AND CHEMICAL GOODS, RUBBER PRODUCTS, TOBACCO, FOOD, AND BEVERAGES. AT PRESENT ANNUAL INDIAN EXPORTS TO SENEGAL AMOUNTS TO \$1,250,000. INDIA WILL IMPORT FROM SENEGAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, ROCK PHOSPHATE, HIDES, SHINS, CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS AND CASHEW NUTS. THE ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT INCLUDES AN EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS TO START NEW VENTURES.

4. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH ON INDIA'S NUCLEAR TEST: "INFORMED OF THE FIRST INDIAN UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR EXPERIMENT ON MAY 18, 1974, THE SENEGALESE SIDE NOTE WITH SATISFACTION THAT INDIA, WHILE THUS CONFIRMING THE HIGH QUALITY OF THEIR SCIENTISTS AND EXPERTS, HAD DECIDED THAT NUCLEAR ENERGY WOULD BE USED FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES IN THE SERVICE OF THE PEOPLE OF INDIA AND HUMANITY AS A WHOLE". IT RECEIVED ENTHUSIASTIC PRESS COVERAGE UNDER HEADLINES SUCH AS "SENEGAL WITH INDIA ON NUCLEAR TEST" (NATIONAL HERALD), "SENGHOR HAILS INDIA'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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N-POLICY" (PATRIOT), "SENEGAL LAUDS INDIA'S NUCLEAR POLICY..." (INDIAN EXPRESS), AND "SENEGAL HAILS FEAT AS SERVICE TO HUMANITY" (HINDUSTAN TIMES).
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